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Rebecca Hotze
Bureau of Land Management
Salt Lake Field Office
2370 South 2300 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84119

Subject: Request for Concurrence on Partial Bond Release, Interstate Brick Company, Smokey Joe Mine, M/049/0002, Utah County, Utah

Dear Ms. Hotze:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is currently processing a proposal from Interstate Brick to reduce the reclamation surety for the Smokey Joe mine from \$62,400.00 to \$4,900.00. This partial release is for earthwork and grading that have been completed, and the remaining surety would be to ensure successful revegetation. This amount will be held until vegetation growth is successful (typically three growing seasons). Attached is an inspection report complete with photos depicting the work performed.

By letter dated December 10, 2013, the Division requested the Bureau of Land Management's concurrence with a reduction in the surety amount from \$62,400.00 to \$57,500.00. The amount of \$57,500.00 should have been the amount of reduction rather than the amount to which the surety would be reduced.

The Division is requesting your concurrence of the partial bond release provided that reclamation work to date is satisfactory to the Bureau of Land Management. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact April Abate at 801-538-5214 or me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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